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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for York Imperials were a little lower Wednesday, January 29, than last week while most boxed apples made slightly higher prices, according to a cable received in the Foreign Service from Mr. F. A. Motz, the Department's fruit specialist in Europe. York Imperials were in moderate supply but Ben Davis, Winesaps, Rome Beauty and Albermarle Pippins were in light supply. The demand was good for Yorks, Romes and Pippins but poor for Ben Davis and Winesaps, offerings of both of which were in rather poor condition. Barreled apple arrivals were in generally good condition and arrivals have been mostly light. Some evidence of light scald was noticeable in certain lots but there was practically no scald where shredded oiled paper was used.

Boxed apple supplies were greatly in excess of demand although they were in good condition and showed, in most cases, good color and bright appearance. Almost 18,000 boxes were offered on the auction but only 1,587 boxes were sold. Washington Winesaps were in liberal supply but met with practically no demand. Moderate supplies of Newtons from Oregon met with a fair demand.

Washington Winter Nellis pears sold at higher prices than either last week or at this time a year ago.

Barreled apple supplies were light at London with demand dull on low grade stuff but improving demand for high grade fruit. Canadian fruit is in generally good condition but showing some scald. Boxed apples were in light supply but demand was very weak. Many lots were withdrawn from the market due to low prices. The light supplies of Virginia Yorks met with a moderate demand. U. S. Commercial 2½ inch fruit selling at from £4.87 to £5.05 per barrel, almost £1.00 below the Liverpool price for this grade. Extra Fancy Washington Winesaps 150/175 sold at £2.45 to £2.68 per box or the same price that was paid for the 188 size in Liverpool.

Mr. Motz reports that some fruit from the first deciduous fruit shipments from South Africa is still unsold. Shipments of peaches and plums have been very heavy and pears are increasing. The first arrivals of South African boxed apples are due next week.

Apple supplies afloat, to arrive in Great Britain next week from Canada and the United States, are 87,000 barrels and 97,000 boxes.

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Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool

Variety, grade and origin	Price		
	1929	1930	
	Jan 30	Jan 22	Jan 29
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
APPLES BARRELS			
York Imperials, Virginia:			
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch min.....	a/ 7.30-7.42	6.81-7.30	6.33-6.81
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch min.....	- - -	- - -	5.60
U. S. Commercial, 2¼ inch min.	- - -	6.33-6.81	5.84-6.33
U. S. No. 2, 2¼ inch min.....	- - -	5.60-5.84	5.11-5.60
Unclassified, 2¼ inch min.....	- - -	5.60-6.08	5.11-5.60
Ben Davis, Virginia:			
Unclassified, 2½ inch min.....	- - -	- - -	b/ 2.92-3.16
Winesaps, Virginia:			
U. S. No. 2, 2 inch min.....	- - -	- - -	3.95-4.38
Albemarle Pippin, Virginia:			
U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch	7.30-8.27	- - -	7.30-7.79
Unclassified, 2½ inch min.....	- - -	- - -	8.03-8.52
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch.....	6.93-7.66	- - -	7.18
Rome Beauty, Virginia:			
U. S. Commercial, 2¼ inch min..	- - -	- - -	6.08
BOXES			
Winesaps, Washington:			
Extra fancy 188/smaller.....	c/ 2.80-3.10	2.43-2.62	2.43-2.68
Fancy 188/smaller.....	c/ 2.68-3.04	2.43	2.43-2.49
Newtown, Oregon:			
Extra fancy 150/175.....	2.92-3.16	3.83-3.89	3.95-4.14
Extra fancy 188/smaller.....	2.80-2.98	3.41-3.65	3.47-3.53
C grade 150/175.....	2.62-2.74	3.41	3.16-3.22
C grade 188/smaller.....	- - -	3.16-3.28	3.16
Unclassified.....	- - -	- - -	2.55-2.80
PEARS BOXES			
Winter Nellis, California:	- - -	- - -	2.85-3.35
Winter Nellis, Washington:	3.16-3.89	3.41-3.65	3.89-4.38

Note: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch

b/ Variable condition

c/ London, Jan. 23.

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